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Re: Investigation Referred from National Science Foundation ("NSF")

Dear Prof. Dewhurst:

I wanted to confirm that you have received a copy of my letter dated September 8, 2023, addressed to Beth Masimore, Ph.D. at the NSF. For your convenience, I have enclosed an additional copy herewith.

In light of the concerns I raised in my previous communication, I kindly request that you consider convening an alternative neutral and independent committee, one that is devoid of any professional or personal conflicts of interest. Your attention to this matter is greatly appreciated, and I thank you in advance for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Enclosure